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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

Carl Graham Fisher was born January 12, 1874 in Greensburg Indiana, to Albert H. and Ida Graham Fisher; he was one of at least three children. He quit school at the age of 12 to help his mother sell candy. He was 50 percent blind. He became a champion bicycle racer and stuntman in his teens. He set a world automotive speed record of 2 miles in 2:02 minutes in 1904. He was instrumental in the founding of the Prest-O-Lite Storage Battery Company (in 1904) and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (in 1909).

He married Jane Watt (age 15) on October 23, 1909 in Marion County, and they lived on their estate, Blossom Heath, until 1922. It is now a part of Marian College, in Indianapolis, Indiana. He and Jane built a new mansion in Florida, where he promoted development of Miami Beach and the Dixie highway. They divorced in Paris in July, 1926 and he married Margaret Collier in 1927. He also developed real estate in Long Island, New York. He died July 15, 1939 in Florida and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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Scope and Contents

This collection includes carbon copies of a typed copy of a speech by Dean Byus in Indiana on 2014/04/01 regarding the Prest-O-Lite Company and Carl Fisher.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Corporate Name(s)

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Speedway, Ind.).
- Prest-O-Lite Storage Battery Company (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana

Personal Name(s)

- Fisher, Carl

Subject(s)

- Automobile industry and trade
- Battery industry
- Documents
- Speech